

**TOWN OF VASS
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
RECONVENED MEETING
May 21, 2012**

The Regular Meeting of May 14 was reconvened at 5:30 p.m. by Mayor Callahan. Commissioners in attendance were: Blackwell, Bridgers, Callahan, Cirone and Kellis.

I. Continued discussion of the 2012-13 budget.

There was discussion as to Chief Deel's request for a part-time 30 hour per week officer. Commissioner felt that due to budget constraints this year and the need to use Fund Balance again this year that that position would not be filled. Commissioner Bridgers made a motion to remove that item and associated costs from the budget. Motion carried unanimously.

The next item discussed was the recommended promotion of Officer Beck to the position of Sergeant with a raise in pay. Board members felt that since all the officers in the department currently have less than one year with the department and the fact that we removed the job description of Sergeant from our personnel manual when it was rewritten last fall that this request not be approved. Commissioner made a motion to remove the additional salary and related costs from the budget. Motion carried unanimously.

Since there were no cost of living or performance increases in salaries in this budget, it was suggested that we give the employees a Christmas bonus to show our appreciation for the work they do. Commissioner Kellis made a motion to add the line item costs associated with giving each employee a \$350 Christmas bonus. Motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner Bridgers made a motion that a total of \$7,000 be added to the appropriate line items to hire a part-time employee to help the Maintenance Technician especially during the mowing season. Motion carried unanimously.

There was considerable discussion as to the fact that we continue to lose approximately \$2,000 per year from unpaid garbage bills due in part to the way Moore County Public Utilities applies payments received first to their water and sewer charges and also to the fact that renters leave without paying their bills. The Town Administrator proposed taking the billing process back from the county and quarterly billing the property owner for their monthly garbage. It was decided to leave the billing with the county and consider a different system in the next budget year after we have negotiated a new contract with a solid waste provider. Commissioner Cirone made a motion to increase the cost per can by \$1.00 to cover the costs associated with collecting the garbage and the monthly billing and collecting of the revenue. Motion carried 4 to 1 with Commissioner Callahan opposed.

ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Blackwell made a motion to adjourn at 6:47 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.

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Henry E. Callahan, Mayor

ATTEST: _____
Josephine E. Smith, CMC
Town Clerk